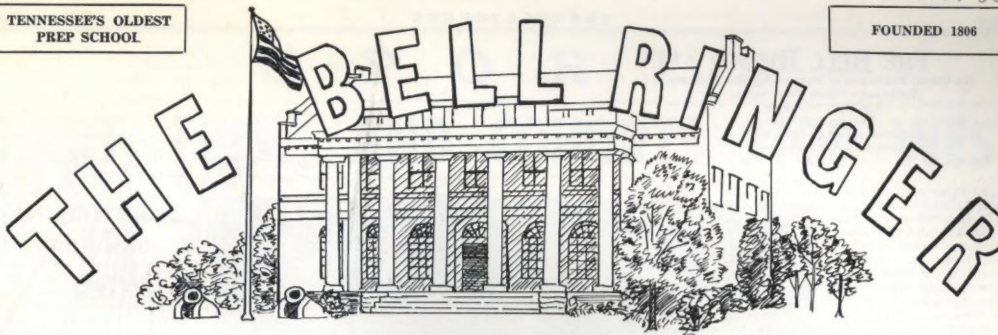


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Deacon's Disertations

It is the folly of men to ruin their enjoyment of anything by comparing it to a thousand other things of the same, but not exact, nature. We think that we must balance carefully the virtues and liabilities of one pleasure against the virtues and liabilities of another. The beliefs and practices of one religion are always compared to those of another, etc. Our whole daily life is composed of these comparisons.

Take, for example, my small nephew. We never would think of him without comparing him to all the other little boys around. Certainly we think he is better than—(a long string of names follows). This is humanity. For a thing or a person to be interesting to us, it must be better than something else in its own class.

In this new year let's work toward setting our comparisons straight and seeing values as they truly are. We can easily twist our comparisons until our tastes run in a bad line rather than a good.

Let's keep our values straight this year and work to better ourselves and others. If we are all able to do these things, 1956 will be a wonderful year.

GLEE CLUB PERFORMS

The M.B.A. Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Breast, presented a Christmas program in chapel on Thursday, December 16th. Following the scripture reading by Jim Perry the entire student body joined in singing "Silent Night." The club then presented three numbers: "We Three Kings," "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Joy To The World." Andy Spelta, Rollin Lassiter and Jim Perry did solo parts in the first number. Dr. A. L. Currie, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker and gave a most enjoyable and inspiring Christmas story. Dr. Currie is author of the story he gave and it has been widely distributed. The meeting closed with the student body standing and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

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Left to right—Jim Rule, Tom Frist, Dick Sobel, Harry Lawson, Dick Sager, Jim Perry

Junior Class Holds Blast

Party! Party! was the battle cry on Friday, January 6, as the Junior Class struck again. The latest assault was on the home of our honorable president Brad Reed. Some of the first comers leading the attack on the Reed home, after witnessing the Big Red's solid trouncing of David Lipscomb cagers, were "Deak" Lasseter, Betsy Bradford, "Zola" Murphy, Sandra Ramsey, Frank Cole, Janice Thomas, "Rope" Clements, Pat Duckloro, and Gene Shelton.

"What a dance," gasped "Cube" Hunter and "Hots" Thurman with that gleam in their eyes as they said goodbye to Brad and Mary Ann Braden and left with dates Peggy Reynolds and Betsy Beyer.

Finally, after being told by Auther Reed, Brad's sweet little brother, the rest of us die-hards scattered for fear of being mortally beaten. Seen running across the lawn were such notables as "Ears" Wallace, Pat Spickard, Don Brothers, Mag Teas, James Wood, Zinkie Mosley, Ransom White, Carol Hilton, Paul Harmon, Nancy Crockett, Bill Parish, Susy Reynolds, Clay Huddleston, and Nancy Hedrick.

The party was such a smashing success that the Junior class, after some debate whether or not to have another party the Saturday night of the following week end, decided that it was definitely the best idea yet and so it should be. By the way, readers, Carl Hoffer said to tell you that he was there with Carol Lamson with bells on—toy bells, that is!

Maroons Take Lead In 18th District

The ever improving Maroons proved themselves to be one of the best ball clubs of the city when they turned back a favored Ryan five in the second meeting of the clubs this season. It was sweet revenge for the M.B.A. club as the Panthers handed them a 16-point set-back in the early part of the season.

The Maroons went into an early lead as their defense held the potent Panthers in check. The first quarter was strictly a defensive battle and both clubs were cold. The Maroons held a 7-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and stretched that to a 21-14 margin at the halfway mark. The Panthers came back in the third stanza to go ahead of the locals for a brief minute but Watson and others rebounded to grab a one point margin at the end of the third quarter. The last period was a rough and tumble affair but Watson came back after being benched briefly to send the locals ahead to stay and when the shouting was over it was M.B.A. 46-39 over their bitter rivals.

Watson led the Maroon surge with 16 points while Phil Williams (Continued on Page 4)

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

During the Christmas season each year the local fraternities entertain at formal dances. Each one of these fraternities has members attending M.B.A.

On the 19th of December the Sigma Phi Omega's entertained at the Maxwell House. Sam Boyer, Johnny Campbell, Quimby Seawell, Jeff Clark, Lynn Greer, Dick Speight and Bob Marks all had a fine time.

The Alpha Chi Fraternity held their dance at Hillwood Country Club on the 20th. When the dance ended Bowyer Cheshire, Obbie Rhea, Emmett Dozier, Frank Burkholder, John Clay and Ed Creagh hurried to Warner Park for more fun. Robin Beard, Mack Rolfe, Henry Hurt, Edgar Uden, Dick Williams and Donald Houser were all dressed up in their tuxes for their Delta Sigma dance on the 21st.

December 22nd was the Sigma Alpha Delta's day. Steve Jewell, Bill Parrish, Robert White, Jimmy Hayes, Chris Christian and Miller Turner were in full swing at midnight at the Maxwell House.

With Christmas growing closer the Kappa Phi's met at the Maxwell House to enjoy their best dance yet. Jeff Edwards, Paul Harmon, Jack Hall and Jim Perry remember that wonderful night.

Next year should bring even better dances and so we will all be looking forward to next year.

In the fall of 1952 a group of men from the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Nashville presented to the M.B.A. student body a panel which emphasized the American way of life and attacked Communism and Socialism. The Material used was compiled by the National Freedom Foundation. These members of the J.C.C. in turn asked Mrs. Norton Campbell, the speech instructor at Montgomery Bell Academy, if she would ask a group of boys to relate a similar program to surrounding schools and organizations. This was the beginning of the Freedom Forum, a panel symposium that has in four years brought extensive recognition to the school. Mrs. Campbell, along with her son "Humpty," and Mrs. Mary Helen Bitzer, compiled the speeches for the first forum. This original team was composed of Jimmy Dale, Duncan Callicott, Bob Lightfoot, John Hardcastle and John Sloan. When the first two members graduated Steve Wood and Seawell Brandau were added to complete the team the next year. Continuing to spread the good word, these boys spoke to more than fifteen high schools and business organizations in just one year.

In the third year of organization a completely new group was added to the team. This team was composed of Ed Blank, Eddie Holt, George Sloan, Jim Rule, Tom Frist and Dick Sager. This year the team had to add three new boys due to graduation losses and the formation of a Junior Freedom Forum. Harry Lawson, Dick Sobel and Jim Perry were added to the senior group this year and they, along with Frist, Rule and Sager make up this year's team. This group has spoken at such places as the Blind School, Rotary Club, Optimist Club, Exchange Club and all high schools.

The work of this group recently won for M.B.A. the George Washington Honor Medal which was presented by the Freedom Foundation for outstanding work.

After the first semester the Junior Forum plans to start making appearances at various schools and organizations. The speeches of this new team are wholly different but the idea behind them remains the same, to promote the right ways of life in our constant struggle to defeat Communism.

We at M.B.A. are very honored to possess such a fine asset at our school. It is the hopes of all to have this extra curricular activity upheld for the many years to come...

HI-Y CHRISTMAS PROJECT

As part of the charity work sponsored by the Hi-Y Club this year, aid was given to needy families at Christmas. The club obtained the names and addresses (Continued on Page 4)

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CLASS NEWS

Junior School News

Holidays come and go, leave many in wake. Many have hang-over on first day back in New Year. Kilebrew really has a hangover or he likes holidays so much he decided to stay away from school. He hasn't been back since.

Renegar receives cherry bombs and mouse trap. Shwab receives a motor scooter. Dickinson receives a canoe. In this case slow and steady loses the race. Mr. Novak finds all the time bombs before they go off. He gets some (peace) pipes.

Pickel becomes a half-owner of a 1956 Chevrolet. If any one has any loose candy please give it to Pickel.

The first day was really quiet without Bill Cheek and Killebrew.

Campbell asks Miss Thompson if he is to write his English on paper. Pig's bottle of Wildroot Cream Oil hair tonic is finally gone. Whale Tail would like to have his name in paper for some unknown reason.

Mr. Novak did not give any prizes the first week of school. He asked Bill Cheek if he wanted the first prize. He also asked Connell if he wanted to take the honors from Cheek and then he asked Campbell.

Freshmen News

Hello there you cool cats and crazy kids. Hope you all had a cool yule and a frantic first. Everyone back in school though still drowsy... FLASH!!! Freshman seen chasing elephant New Year's eve.

"Nimrod" Ball shoots Rudolph during holidays. Santa and world morn. "Nimrod" mounts nose. Poetry proves to be very enlightening, of course some thunder was thrown around by Zeus and also by Mr. Bachleda. Wow, can he throw it! Boys yearn to be Odysseus. The Sirens must have been something.

Demerits fly in Frosh class. It is believed most of them are coming from the science room though the other rooms are doing pretty well. Mrs. "Watcher of the Freshman Class" Sims tries giving

a half hour Latin lesson for each demerit. It worked. (This is not a hint to other teachers.)

A great friend is leaving after the exams. He is Bob Denny. The short time that Bob has been here he has been full of spirit and a great asset to the Freshman class. Sorry to see you go, Bob. CORN CORNER: Say, did you hear about the cross-eyed professor who couldn't control his pupils? I said it was corn. Or was the dog who went to a flea circus and stole the show? Keep calm, I'm trying. Good-by, I'm leaving.

Sanders, Denny and Brown are the motorcycle fiends of the Frosh class. Motorcycle boots flourish in said class. Brown tries to run over Nash Rambler on his motorcycle. Only one thing stopped him—the Nash Rambler. Oh yes, it took thirty stitches to put him back in working order.

Well so long if you're still here after those mid-term exams.

Sophomore News

Greetings, cherubs, it is your old Papa John back with more dope on the dopes. McGugin seen often at Judy's. Dale seen often at T.P.S. Seen everywhere: Grant, Christian, Peek, Muse, Waller, Barr and Speight. Murphy and Benson finally come back from Florida.

Sophomore and their girls seen with new Clinic Bowl jackets. Williams refuses to part with his Jane pleads. Playing J.V. basketball are Creagh, Duke, Dale, Williams, Murphree and Gerald.

When will "Fuguque" learn a new word? Several Sophs, such as Hall, Caldwell, Miller, Rhea, Stanley and Steinbaugh seen often at the Cove. Why is Richard "Chug-a-lug" Miller always late to English class? Sophomore project is to get Jewell a haircut. McGugin to get a match with Rocky. Walton Williams famous statement: "When I have a stomach ache I hurt all over." Mayes masters his barbell, starts lifting cars. Christian finally returns to school. Benson lost in love, omores soon to have party. Know Whaley lost in smoke. Sophomores soon to have party. Know you cats have dug this column the most. Well, so much for that jazz. See you later alligators.

Junior News

Well the fun came and went. Exams I mean. I guess everyone after all their hours of hard study really came through in the clutch.

Almost everybody made it back from the holidays. Zola was held over at the Gator Bowl Fair and was a day or so late returning. McDougal came back a week late. How about that New Year's eve in Paris, Ace? Congo Conwell takes up drum lessons as he returns from his native land, Africa. Don gets married over the holidays.

Juniors start a new fad over the holidays—Motor Cycle Boots. Henpecked Hunter one of very few who doesn't have a pair. What does Peggy have to say about it "Cube"?

Reed hosts a gala Junior party—lost week or so. It turned out fine, didn't it Dad?

Orchids to John Murphree and Don Brothers who are next year's football captains.

See you in a decade or so—I reckon!

COOCHIE and ROPE.

Senior News

Since we are limited to news only in this space, we will now commence with the news. Seniors on the Varsity basketball team are Henry Hurt, Mack Rolfe, Phil Williams, Tommy Frist and Whit Watson. Ivan Brown and Bud Rackard also dress out.

Several seniors are out for H-Y basketball. Quimby Seawell, Dick Sobel, Dick Sullivan, Dickie Martin, and Bob Adkerson are just a few.

Seniors making honor roll for the three weeks beginning January 9th are: Adkerson, Boyd, Brown, Cecil, Drowota, Frist, Kellam, Perry, Province, Rackard, Rolfe, Rule, Sager, Seawell, Sobel, Spelta, Sullivan, White and Williams.

Guy Travis leaves us to go to Ransom School in Coconut Grove, Florida—just in time to get out of exams.

Congratulations to Billy Morehead, Eddie White and Ivan Brown who passed the N.R.O.T.C. test of December the 10th.

The following editorial appeared in the Taft School paper, **THE PAPHYRUS**. The sentiments expressed here apply in any school; therefore it is reproduced for your consideration.

BOOKS ARE JUDGED BY THEIR COVERS

It is a sad, strange, and humbling fact that almost from the day a person is born his actions reflect upon his family, school, and country—indeed, upon anyone or anything with which he is connected. Often here at Taft the students immediately accept a boy because his brother was popular. Parents are frequently disgraced by the actions of their children, although the parents may not be completely to blame. No one likes to think that his deeds affect others to such an extent, but we must face this fact, since it will be true all our lives.

At Taft, as in any other phase of life, the actions of the students reflect on the school more than the boys themselves realize. An excellent example of this is the story the headmaster told last winter. A Taft student returning to school by plane so impressed a man sitting next to him that the gentleman decided to send his son to Taft. This incident indicates just how much people judge Taft by its students. However, the behavior of the boys can hurt the school as well as help it. This fall the students in general have been most cooperative, but unfortunately, as in past years, the tendency to act in a childish manner on trains and buses to and from school on vacations was quite evident.

Less than three weeks ago, some of the students on the buses thought it quite humorous to hoot at girls and make rude remarks at people whom they passed. In addition, the actions and appearance of some boys on the train to New Haven was not particularly laudable. This kind of behavior on the part of the students serves only to destroy the favorable impression people might otherwise get or possibly have of the school. Students should remember that their actions outside of school are the basis on which people form their opinions of Taft. If the boys act like ill-mannered buffoons, the school will be considered a place for such persons. Many students know that no one can stop them from misbehaving when they are not under the School's immediate jurisdiction; therefore, they act any way they please. They think with immature shortsightedness, that they do not care how others regard the School. But they will

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Bottom of the Afternoon



by Blue La Rue

Gather round kiddies, it is time for another story from your old uncle Blue.

Once upon a time in the land of Oubambeshabottle there lived a crazy cat dug by the handle of Doc. Now this old, kind gent was grabbing a session in his small little bungalow called the Built-less. Things at this here shack were really jumping, using the term loosely, if I may lay it on you after such a fashion. "Dizzy" Smith was sitting in on a few bars when this real cool cat named Hann jumps through the swinging panels and pronounces to the cats and gaiters that men he's just gotta blow! Well before he can even get started on the well ladden path the lights dim and this gone cat comes out and proceeds to raid the joint. Ed White, J. Kellam, a really gone daddy named Rackard, turned to Mack Rolfe and yelled "Daddy we've had it." "Not so frantic" says Frist and he wakes up from his 11:00 nap, "we've got plenty of time." Well before we knew it here was Morehead on the scene in green, "run from the fan" says Collins in tan, then there was those boys—McDougall—oh! those lads were going mad in plaid. Anyway the horns blew and the trumpets blasted but on came the boys in blue. Well, kiddies they got us all except for a man known as Wallace who litterly FLEW out the back way grabbing up Huddleston, Thurman, and a few other stragglers as he went. For the most part this crazy party was the highlight of the Christmas holidays as most of us saw it. Of course there is not really too much to be seen from the JUG... Good night... I mean party.

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HURT, FRIST, AND COHORTS STOP WEST

Maroons Lose a Tough One

The M.B.A. Maroons lost an excellent chance to take over the league leadership on Friday, January 20th, when they experienced an ice-cold shooting performance and fell victim to arch rival Hillsboro by a 49-40 score. The Big Red controlled the ball the majority of the time during the game but the refusal of the ball to drop through the hoop resulted in their hitting a mere 15 of 80 shots for a low 19 per cent of their efforts and with that went their chance to take over the league leadership.

The Maroons stayed within striking distance of the Burros throughout the game despite the fact that chief rebounder Henry Hurt was out on crutches and both Frist and Watson, the top scoring threats, were weakened by virus ailments. Stooke, the chief scoring threat of the Burros, was practically impotent as long as Frist was able to keep up the pace but the Burro's top star made a surge in the late stages of the game to ice the contest for the neighborhood rivals.

Despite the fact that Frist was unable to practice Thursday and had to remain at home part of the day Friday, the red-head was the top scorer for the Maroons with 16 points. Watson was a close second with 14 points and was the leading rebounder for the Reds. Held scoreless the first half, Jimmy Stooke rallied in the late stages to ring up 15 points to keep the Burros in front and maintain his usual high production of points.

The closeness of the game, which was increased to a nine point lead largely on account of late desperation fouls, gives hope to the Maroons that they may be able to clip the Burros if they should meet in the tournaments. Until then the Big Red will go about the business of trying to knock off the remainder of the big threats left on their schedule.

MBA DROPS TO BELMONT FRESHMEN

Belmont's big freshman basketball team defeated the Montgomery Bell Academy in an easy game. The game was a preliminary to the Belmont-Lipscomb game at the Lipscomb gymnasium.

Ahead most of the game the big freshman team won by a large score of 62 to 40. For the winners Eddie Greer had 19 points, and Glenn Lawrence with 16 points. These two led the swift attack on the Maroons. Mack Rolfe was tops for the losers with a large 16 points.

Belmont led all the way, holding the halftime score with a 33 to 25 advantage.



—Photo by Eddie White

MBA ROLLS OVER LIPSCOMB

The power-packed M.B.A. Maroons rolled to their sixth inter-scholastic win of the season recently by crushing Lipscomb 68-46 on the loser's court.

The leading scorers for the Maroons were Whit Watson with 15 points, Phil Williams with 12 and Mack Rolfe with 10. The leading scorer for the night was Lipscomb's Prentice Meador who poured through 23 points. Although Meador played an excellent game, it was not enough to stop the powerful Maroons who were nothing but hot. The Maroons made 26 of 78 attempts for a respectable 33% from the field. They added 16 points by way of foul shots.

After the opening minutes of the first quarter the Maroons had little trouble with the Mustangs. Although the game was played on the Lipscomb floor, the Maroons held their advantage throughout the game.

The regulars were aided greatly by a fine group of reserves who gave good account of themselves. These included Courtney Marshall, Billy Hunter, Buddy Foxall, Russell Hooper, Jodie Wallace, Buddy Rackard and Ivan Brown.

Microbe News

The Microbes learned a lot of football this year, having two wins and one tie. The biggest victory was 25-13 over Glendale, while the other win was 7-6 over Woodmont. The tie was with Robertson Academy. We saw some good football played in the backfield by Killebrew, Shwab, Hardison, Loftin, Pickel and Porter. In the line King, Adams, Reese, Dickinson, Sullivan and others Ragland, Neilson, Daniels and Hutchinson also starred in the backfield.

So far basketball has not produced the Microbes very many wins. The first game was lost to Farmer 22-7. The team showed improvement in the next game with Julia Green as they came from behind a 20 point deficit to lose only by five, 28-23. Stokes took the next game from the little Maroons 19-10 and then the Microbes finally broke into the win column by defeating Peabody 22-23. Glendale won the next game from the Microbes 21-16 and then Burton took a sixteen point victory over them. The Microbes would like to have a little more support from the Junior School.

M.B.A. Trips Tigers

Though it was Friday the thirteenth it was no bad omen as the mighty Big Red, despite the absence of Henry Hurt, one of their chief rebounders, tripped the Peabody Tigers 59-48 in the Maroon gym. The win over Peabody brought the Red closer to the top spot in the NIL which is now held by Father Ryan.

The Maroons held Peabody's Ben Rowan to only 11 points till the last five and one-half minutes of the game when Mack Rolfe who was guarding Rowan fouled out. Rowan ended up the night with 20 points.

The Big Red got its share of rebounds with the big gun being Whit Watson who cleaned 23 off of the boards. Three of the players on the Big Red team made double digits in the scoring column. Tommy Frist cracked for 18, Whit Watson hit for 16, and Phil Williams put the ball through the bucket for 13 points. Mack Rolfe missed the double figure by one point. The combined points of Watson, Williams and Frist lack only one point equaling the total score of the Peabody Tigers.

This is M.B.A.'s seventh NIL win, and makes their record 7-1. This brings them within two games of Ryan whose record is 9-1.

Pos.—M.B.A. (59) Peabody (48)
F.—Wallace (3).....Mann (8)
F.—Watson (16).....Lindman (8)
C.—Williams (13).....Rowan (20)
G.—Rolfe (9).....Riven (8)
G.—Frist (18).....Stokes (2)
Halftime score: M.B.A. 23; Peabody 19. Scoring subs: Peabody, Born (2)

Frankie Crowell

A brilliant defensive movement by Henry Hurt and a 25 foot jump shot by Tommy Frist, with 25 seconds remaining gave M.B.A. its fourth 13th district win over West.

With six seconds to play, West took a rebound off M.B.A.'s offensive board and started up floor with guard Bob Morrison handling the ball. Hurt, like a Maroon flash, came seemingly from "out of nowhere" to steal the ball from Morrison and fire it to ready and waiting Mack Rolfe who passed to T. Frist who in turn proceeded calmly to pivot and shoot his one hander which swished the net—SSSSSWISH . . .

As the buzzer sounded Frist and Hurt were mobbed by the huge crowd of M.B.A. rosters and hoisted to the shoulders of many willing spectators. The game took the expected pattern as both teams concentrated on defense.

M.B.A. ended with the better shooting percentage with a cold 28% to West's 27.8%. The Maroons shot 51 times from the field hitting 14 times; and the Blue Jays hit 15 times from the field out of 53 attempts. As in most close games the score was determined by charity to-sses. The Big Red hit 12 of 20 and West 8 of 19 free throws.

West's brilliant Bob Morrison cued it out during the game with Whit Watson and Tom Frist. All M.B.A.'s last half points were made by either Frist or Watson. Morrison got 12 points in the last half and scored 11 of West's last 12 points. Hurt, the real hero of the game, grabbed an amazing 20 rebounds from the tall Blue Jays.

Henry was here, there, and everywhere pressing the West club to death and his 5 points helped M.B.A. on the way to victory. Henry's 20 rebounds ended up to be 26.6% of the game's rebounds which is a phenomenal percent.

Heading the list in points was Watson with 19, Frist with 10, and Morrison of West with 17. Adding up all points here is the way it looked:

M.B.A. (40)	West (38)
F. Hurt (5).....	Worley (6)
F. Watson (19).....	Tussey (4)
C. Williams (4).....	Greer (8)
G. Rolfe (2).....	Kelley (1)
G. Frist (10).....	Morrison (17)
Halftime score M.B.A. 23—West 20. Scoring subs: West—Kirby (2)	

Maroon Highlights

1. Maroons take third place in First Annual Invitational Tournament.
2. Ryan halts Red in Pre-holiday game 56-40; Red halts West in thriller 40-38.
3. Hurt injures ankle in game with Belmont Freshmen. He will be out for approximately two weeks.
4. Mack Rolfe and Whit Watson selected on Kingsport Tournament All-Tourney Team.
5. Twenty-six varsity football players awarded letter sweaters.
6. "Kingsport is in the hills!" exclaims Dickie Sullivan. Evidence—On the first night of the Invitational Tourney a wild rabbit ran across the floor in the middle of the Blountville-Rogersville game.
7. Large caravan ? of supporters follow team to Kingsport. Drowota writes book—The Girls of Kingsport. We are very glad to hear that it has just made the best seller list.
8. Rolfe gains nickname of "Gopher" at Kingsport. HOW?

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Personalities of the Month



Buddy Rackard

Another of this month's personalities who is highly respected among the boys of M.B.A. is Buddy Rackard. Buddy is one of those quiet individuals that never makes a big splash but goes along in his own way and gets the job done.

Buddy did his eighth grade work at Woodmont School, an institution that has furnished M.B.A. with some outstanding boys. In the sports field at M.B.A. Buddy has limited his activities to basketball where he played two years on the junior varsity and is finishing out his senior year as a member of the varsity. He is a member of the Hi-Y Club and is a sports writer on the Bell Ringer staff. Buddy has maintained a good average scholastically and will possibly do his college work at Vanderbilt or U. T.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite sport: basketball
Favorite subject: Math
Most disliked subject: Spanish
Favorite food: "Anything Mama fixes"
Favorite Movie Actress: "Gosh, I Like So Many"
Favorite past time: Bowling
Favorite Girl: "Well, now..."

HI-Y CHRISTMAS PROJECT

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of the needy family from the Red Cross.

Committees were formed for the collection of various articles. Toys were gathered for five children in the family and clothing was obtained for all members of the family. Baskets of food were prepared. Three days before Christmas all the food, clothing and toys were assembled and delivered to the family. The boys who participated in the project enjoyed their part in making the undertaking a success and the club as a whole took pride in their efforts.



Ivan Brown

Many outstanding seniors have been nominated by the Bell Ringer staff as personalities of the month but few are more deserving of the honor than Ivan Brown, this month's nominee. After graduating from Stokes Grammar School, Ivan enrolled at Hillsboro but after six weeks there, decided to transfer to M.B.A., and we feel that Hillsboro's loss was M.B.A.'s gain.

At M.B.A. Ivan has distinguished himself in scholarship, school government and athletics. He is President of the Key Club, the Hi-Y Club and the Honor Council. He is also a member of the Forensic Club, Monogram Club and the Senior Honor Society. Last year Ivan was tapped for Totomoi, an organization honoring outstanding juniors and seniors. He is also a member of the Delta Sigma Fraternity, which he serves as secretary, and is an active member of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.

In the sports field, Ivan is also outstanding. In his Sophomore year he played on the baseball team as well as other junior varsity teams. For the past two years he has played on the varsity football team where his defensive play at end was a big asset to the Big Red. He is also playing his second year on the basketball team. Last year he was a big cog in the Maroon track machine which won the mid-state championship, running the 440 and the mile relay. He should do much to uphold Maroon honors in these events this spring.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite food: Steak and Potatoes
Most disliked food: Turnips
Favorite subject: All of them



Dick Sobel

The Bell Ringer has selected as one of its Personalities of the Month Dick Sobel. Dick, who came to M.B.A. as a freshman from Julia Green grammar school, is very active in the activities of the school. Dick played Junior Varsity football his sophomore year and lettered on the Varsity this year.

He is the chaplain of the Hi-Y club and an extremely active member of the Key Club. Dick serves on the Honor Council, sings in the Glee Club, and is one of the outstanding speakers of the Forensic Club, where he serves on the Freedom Forum. Besides his loud voice which often rings out in assembly, Dick is well known around the hill for his dancing, and constant singing, and his never dying school spirit.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite food: Liver
Favorite personality: Frank Burkholder
Most hated subject: Spanish
Best subject: English literature
Hated food: Sorry boys, I like it all

Girl of the Month



Jill Butler

Miss Jill Butler is the selection of the Bell Ringer as the Girl of the Month. Jill finished grammar school at Woodmont where she was vice-president of the Junior Miss Club, a cheerleader, and a member of the basketball team.

Jill spent her freshman year at Harpeth Hall School. There she was a member of the Ariston Club. Miss Butler transferred to Hillsboro High her sophomore year and she is a senior there now. During her sophomore year she served as treasurer of her home room. At the present she is a candidate for "Miss Hillsboro."

For three straight years Jill has been selected as a waitress at M.B.A.'s annual Spaghetti Suppers at Homecoming. Last year, as a junior, Miss Butler was our Clinic Bowl Queen.

Jill, in addition to being a very pretty girl, plays tennis and golf and is a good swimmer. Her favorite food is steak with all the trimmings.

BOOKS ARE JUDGED

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regret anything they do which will be detrimental to Taft's reputation, because no Taft student wants to hear someone make a derogatory remark about Taft, since the comment is aimed at the student as well as at the School.

Boys should strive to better their school, for they will want to be proud to graduate from Taft, yet they cannot feel this way if the school does not have a worthy reputation. Undoubtedly, many boys will be sending their sons to Taft, and they will want the School to be a valuable experience for them.

Arrogantly yelling at people only cheapens a boy, and the school and family he represents. Such actions do not strengthen a boy's character or improve his personal integrity. In any case, whether to benefit the School or themselves, boys should approach this situation in a mature fashion and put away childish things.

MAROONS TAKE LEAD IN 18th DISTRICT

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dumped in eleven. Mack Rolfe did a great job in holding Ryan ace Graham in check. The Ryan high corer was able to garner only two field goals during the game. He was still high point man for the Panthers, however as he rang up nine points on foul shots. Frist and Wallace also contributed much to the Maroon cause as they handled the ball with skill and contributed some timely points to the cause.

The win put the Maroons in front in the 18th district race and kept them in second place in the city race.

Baby Maroons Going Great

In the excitement of watching the Big Red battle for city honors in the prep basketball race many are inclined to overlook the fine work of the junior varsity club. The baby Maroons have kept pace right along with the first club by grinding out victory after victory in the preliminary games.

The junior varsity is coached this year by the former Vandy star Hank Duvier and the former great for Bob Polk's club has moulded the team into one of the finest units ever to perform for the Maroons. The club is not limited to a starting five that is hurt by replacements but has two full teams that can give good account of themselves. The club has lost only one game this year and that by a close margin. Giving good account of themselves on the team are Ed Creagh, Runcie Clements, John Dale, Billy Gerald, David Duke, John Clay, Tommy Murphree, Dick Williams, Dick Husbands, Eddie Murrey, Johnny Vulcano, Tom Stevens, Tommy Sloan and Richard Appen.

Many of these boys are certain to move up to the varsity next year and should do much to help keep the Maroons in the win column.

Maroons Take Third Place In Kingsport Tourney

During the Christmas holidays the big Maroon team journeyed to Kingsport, Tennessee, to participate in the first annual Kingsport Invitational Tournament. The Big Red played their first game on the second night of the tournament, encountering Happy Valley. Happy Valley, a hot and cold ball club, had one of their better nights against the Maroons. During the game many personal fouls were called on both teams. Both Mack Rolfe and Tom Frist fouled out early in the second half—a big blow to the Maroon team, as the score was close. However, the Big Red hung on and squeezed by the boys of Happy Valley 49-47. The high scorers for the team from the hill were Whit Watson with 11 points and Mack Rolfe with 10.

On the third night of the tourney, the Maroons encountered the Blountville Tigers, who were led by All-American Eddie Rhyme and an all-state guard Frank Campbell. Blountville with superior shooting and rebounding pulled out and led the Red team at half time by nine points.

However, the second half was an entirely different story. The Maroons roared back at the beginning of the third quarter and hit for twelve straight points before the Tigers even scored. The courageous Maroons fell behind as the Tigers continuously paraded to the free throw line. With less than a minute remaining in the game, Mack Rolfe stole the ball, drove down the floor, and scored to put the Maroons ahead by one point. Then Willis, a Blountville forward, hit a ridiculous, wheeling, twisting, turning shot from behind the backboard to put the Tigers in front by one point. Blountville's newly acquired lead was augmented by two more charity tosses to put them in front by three points. Then as the final buzzer sounded, Whit Watson hit a jump shot from the circle to cut the score to 48-47. Ironically, Blountville, who won the tournament, won all of their games by one point.

On the last night of the tournament, the Maroons encountered the Lynn View Lynxes in the Consolation Game to decide the third and fourth place winners. In this game the Big Red of M.B.A. was the smooth operating machine that it had been at the close of the 1954-1955 season. Working the ball well, shooting accurately, and rebounding superbly, the Maroons rolled over the Lynxes by a score of 59-46. M.B.A. reserves played freely in the last half. Mack Rolfe and Whit Watson were the high scorers for the Maroons with 15 and 13 points respectively. When the trophies were awarded and the All-Tournament selection read, both Rolfe and Watson were selected for their fine play.

The three day tournament was enjoyed by everyone who went, and the play and experience gained by the team was invaluable for the coming season.

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